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## Price Of Rice Reduced

The Rice Controller announces that as from May 18 the retail price of ration rice will be reduced from 44 cents to 40 cents per catty.

This has been made possible by arrangements whereby Hong Kong has received a larger proportion of its international allocation than expected from the cheaper sources.

It is not possible to forecast how long this price can be maintained as allocations for the second half of the year have not yet been decided, but with stocks on hand and en route there should be no difficulty in maintaining it for at least four months.

As from the same date, the rice ration will be temporarily increased from 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  catties per five-day period and the flour ration correspondingly reduced from 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  catty per person.

On the basis of current stocks and shipments, it is estimated that the rice ration can be kept at this level for a minimum period of three months. Thereafter the ration will depend on the future allocations by the International Emergency Food Council.

## Wang Ching-wei's Approach To Japs

Tokyo, May 15. The late Wang Ching-wei, president of China under Japanese occupation, proposed the establishment of a new Chinese Government with himself as the head in a conversation with the then Premier, Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, on June 10, 1938, a Japanese witness told the International Military Tribunal for the Far East here today.

Wang's conversations with after the war ended, on again establishing the Principles of Dr. Sun Yat-sen in China under Wang.

### THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone covers Japan and the sea to the eastward, with winds of high pressure extending over the East China Sea and N. Korea. Pressure remains low over N. China. A depression is stationary over the Gulf of Tonkin. The Pacific depression appears to be situated to the S. of the Bonins, moving N or NE.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E and SW winds. Cloudy, showery; warm.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 21 deg. Fahr.—

Minimum: 18 deg. Fahr.—

Wind: 0.6 knot.

Rainfall: 0.7 mm.—0.26 inch. Total since Jan. 1—237.6 mm. as against an average of 422.7 mm.

Headings at:

10 a.m. 4 p.m.

Baro. at m.s.l. ... 1010.0 mb.

Equal. ... 29.84 29.78 inches.

Rel. Humidity ... 97 95 %

Dew Point ... 23.2 deg. F.

Wind Direction: E by N E

Wind Force ... 13 15 knots.

More than 3,000 striking students of Government universities, as a result of an eight-hour demonstration today, during which cries of "why not stop the civil war" were raised, won an assurance from the Vice-Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, that their demands for an increased subsidy will be brought before the Executive Yuan at its next meeting.

Arriving at the Yuan, where they pasted slogans and cartoons on the walls, the students shouted for Premier Chang Chun and at first refused to accept the vice-premier as his representative. When Mr. Wang finally addressed them, he stated, firstly that he will be personally responsible for presenting their demands to the Executive Yuan at its session next Tuesday.

Secondly, he will recommend and personally support arrangements for granting the students a half-month advance of living allowance which will amount to

CN\$24,000 and one picul of rice. Funds used in the Central University mess for the purchase of supplementary rations were exhausted yesterday and beginning today, the students went on a diet consisting only of rice. When the students shouted that the word of the government officials could not be trusted and insisted that the vice-premier sign a statement embodying his two promises, Mr. Wang Yun-wu walked out.

The students refused to leave the Executive Yuan, sitting on the pavements before the building for the entire afternoon while their leaders negotiated with government officials. Vice-Premier Wang appeared before them for the second time and reported that he could make no further concessions.

### Doors Broken

The demonstration then dispersed after scheduling a meeting for tonight to decide on the students' next move—whether or not they will continue their strike until the Executive Yuan meets.

Earlier in the day, the striking students stormed into the Ministry of Education building after breaking the glass doorways at the entrance with their bare fists.

The Minister of Education, Dr. Chu Chin-chun, addressed the students for 50 minutes but failed to meet their demands. The students, who were from the National Central University, the National College of Dramatic Arts, the National Institute of Music and the College of Oriental Languages, carried banners; one written with a line from a Tang dynasty poem, which read: "From the gate of wealthy families wafts the heavy odour of (wasted) meat and wine; on the road before

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(Answers in Page Ten)

## SHANGHAI BUDGET DEFICIT

Shanghai, May 15. The City Government announced today that the Municipality is facing a deficit of CN\$9,200,000,000 (nearly US\$500,000 at blackmarket rate) in the budget of the current fiscal year.

Due to Government approval in an 85 per cent increase in salaries of civil servants.

This follows the decision of the City Council in reducing the budget from CN\$500,000,000 to CN\$240,000,000. —Associated Press.

## Shanghai Ready For Trouble

Shanghai, May 15.

Drastic measures to quell mob disturbances in Shanghai were adopted at an important meeting attended by officers of the Garrison Commander Headquarters, the Police Chief and top ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air force detachments stationed in the city.

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While the city at present is quiet, minor strikes among students are going on and tension prevails due to the unfavorable reaction among workers and employees whose basic pay is above CN\$30.

Almost all Chinese papers this morning editorially appealed to the educational authorities and student groups to avoid drastic steps and to help maintain peace and order. —United Press.

## Nanking Peace Petition

Nanking, May 15.

Nineteen legislators today presented a petition to Dr. Sun Fo, appealing for the immediate reopening of negotiations to bring to an end China's civil war and declaring strongly that the Government's announced plan of no peace until the main communications lines have been restored is needless.

Let by Mr. Chow Yi-chih, veteran member of the Legislative Yuan, the nineteen members recommended that the Government lay plans for the resumption of peace talks when the People's Political Council begins its two-week session on May 20.

They presented their petition in written form to Dr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, and Vice-President of the Republic, Mr. Chow declared in an interview today. "It is not use to wait until communication has been restored before peace can be restored." Mr. Chow stated.

In the political programme signed when third parties entered the government this was one of the main conditions set down for rapprochement with the Communists. Mr. Chow said that the policies for restoration of peace should in general follow the outline of the

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Mr. Bevin, reminded the House that he said before he left London for Moscow it would be wrong to expect too much from the Foreign Ministers conference toward providing a peace treaty with Germany.

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# Call For "United Europe"

## Mr. Churchill's Speech In Albert Hall

### "THE SUPREME OPPORTUNITY"

London, May 14. A vast crowd representing all political creeds packed the Albert Hall to its 7,000 capacity tonight to hear Britain's wartime Premier, Mr. Churchill, launch a campaign for "United Europe" and declare that Great Britain and France, as the founder partners, must bring Germany in a friendly way back into the circle of nations.

Long before the doors were due to open, a queue formed outside and police and officials had difficulty in controlling the crowd. Members of both French Houses of Parliament who had flown to Britain for the meeting were there to hear the speech, which lasted for forty minutes.

The rally, the first organised by the United European Committee which was inaugurated in January, passed a resolution pledging support for the campaign.

Mr. Churchill was greeted with loud and sustained cheers when he took the platform, and his speech was interrupted by frequent bursts of applause.

He employed all the forceful eloquence which has made him famous as he voiced a grim warning and a note of hope for the future.

Describing Europe today as "a rubble-heap, a charnel house, a breeding ground for pestilence and hate," Mr. Churchill said that the peoples of Europe still have it in their power "to allow the streams of happiness, freedom and abundance to begin again their healing flow."

He called for the immediate setting up in Great Britain of an organisation to promote the cause of United Europe to encourage all Europeans to "come together and work together for mutual advantage, to exchange blessings instead of curses."

"This is the supreme opportunity," he added, "and if we cast away no one can predict that it will ever return or what the resulting catastrophe will be."

"We accept without question the world supremacy of the United Nations organisation."

#### Regional Entity

"In the constitution agreed on at San Francisco a direct provision is made for regional organisations to be formed. United Europe will form one major regional entity."

"There is the United States with all its dependencies; there is the Soviet Union; there is the British Empire; and there is Europe, with which Great Britain is profoundly blended."

"Here are the four main pillars of the world temple of peace."

Mr. Churchill recalled that some fifteen years ago, when he first began writing about the United States of Europe, he wondered whether the United States of America would regard such a development as antagonistic to its interest, or even contrary to its safety.

"But all that has passed away," he continued. "The whole movement of American opinion is favourable to the revival and re-creation of Europe. This is surely not unnatural when we remember how the manhood of the United States has twice in a lifetime been forced to cross the Atlantic Ocean and give their lives and shed their blood and pour out their treasure as the result of a war originating from ancient European feuds."

"We have no doubt that far from encountering any opposition or prejudice from the great republic of the New World our movement will have their blessing and their aid."

"We here in Great Britain have our own self-governing Dominions—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

#### "JANE"



## FRENCH BREAD MILLS REQUISITIONED

Paris, May 14. More mills were requisitioned by the Government in strike-ridden France today in the effort to save the country's bread ration which is threatened with another 1-3/4 ounces cut.

Following the strike in the Paris mills early in the week, the mills at Bobigny near Paris went on strike this morning and were immediately requisitioned by the Government.

This afternoon, members of the millers' trade union and employers went into conference.

Continuing his efforts to straighten out the wheat situation, Premier Ramadier had decided to make a radio appeal to the nation tomorrow night, calling for a nation-wide drive to collect as much wheat as possible.

Tonight, he is meeting the prefects of 15 departments to urge them to explore every possible means by which the collection of wheat can be augmented.

There were other labour developments today that harassed the Government. Firstly—about 16,000 Paris laundry workers stopped work for a wage increase of five francs per hour. Secondly—the strikers at two Renault motor-car plants have decided to continue the strike for 10 francs per hour increase. Thirdly—the metal workers in the Paris region said that they would stop work at 4 p.m. on Friday in support of the demands for payment of bonuses and the grading up of the amount of wages on which income tax must be paid. Fourthly—at Mulhouse in eastern France, the General Confederation of Labour ordered all factory workers to stage a token strike for one hour. These workers are demanding the introduction of bonuses.

The Club chairman told the Press:

"The aim of the club is to moralise our benches, especially fighting the use of indecent bathing suits. We do not ask that suits come down to the knees as some people facetiously say, but we do not allow girls in two-piece bathing suits."

The Club has 50 members.—Associated Press.

## "Discreet Bathing" In Rio

Rio De Janeiro, May 15.

The seaside capital city has a new organization—the "Discreet Bathing Club"—which is campaigning up and down Copacabana beach for more modest bathing suits.

Volunteer agents of the society spend hours on the beach politely asking for more conservative swimming costumes. They even offer to donate garments that meet their standards.

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## Obituary

Geo. F. Garland

Boston, May 15. The death of Captain George F. Garland, 93, one-time skipper of three little "Morning Star" missionary sailing ships sent by the American Board of Foreign Missions to the South Seas islands, is reported by the Congregational Christian news bureau.

From 1856 to 1904, the mission board, with its headquarters at Boston, outfitted several small sailing vessels for missionary service in the South Seas.

During a period of over 20 years, Captain Garland was temporary captain of the Morning Star III and later held the full command of the Morning Star IV and the Morning Star V.

He retired in 1904 to become the head of a missionary home in Oberlin, Ohio. His wife was formerly a congregational missionary in the Micronesian Islands.—Associated Press.

Senate OKs Truman Bill

Washington, May 15. The Senate voted 79 to 4 to grant the full \$350,000,000 which President Truman asked to relieve suffering in China and Europe.

The Senate rejected a House plan to limit the sum to \$200,000,000. It also omitted House restrictions on aid to Communist-dominated countries. The Senate bill requires that food and medicine must clearly be shown to have come from the United States.

The legislation goes to a Senate-House conference committee to adjust differences.

Countries to be aided are not named in the bill but Secretary of State George C. Marshall has said the bulk of the relief will go to China, Austria, Hungary, Italy, Poland, and Greece.

He said \$15,000,000 would be available to meet emergencies elsewhere.—Associated Press.

the League of Nations tried to build, without the aid of the United States, an international order upon a weak divided Europe. The failure cost us dear.

"After the second world war Europe is far weaker and still more distracted. One of the four main pillars of the temple of peace lies before us in shattered fragments. It must be assembled and reconstructed before there can be any real progress in building a spacious super-structure of our own design."

The wartime Premier finished his forty minute address amidst thunderous applause and cheering. It continued until he rose again and, smiling broadly, gave his famous V sign.

The Archbishop of Canterbury presided and representatives of all church and political parties were present.

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"Mm... I simply must get some for myself. Walter, would you bring me some, please?"

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2. Tenders will be for the purchase of either (a) and/or (b) in (1) above of quantities as they become available weekly over a period of 3 (Three) months commencing 1st June, 1947.

3. Tenders must be deposited with the Board in sealed packet and marked "Tender for Scrap Iron and Steel and/or Firewood" and addressed to the Chairman.

4. Closing date for Tenders—12 Noon Thursday, 22nd May, 1947.

5. Further details and conditions of Contract may be had on application to the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong), Victoria Barracks (Entrance 50 yards west of Queen's Road entrance to Barracks).

6. The Chairman of the British Stores Disposal Board (Hong Kong) does not bind himself to accept the highest or any Tender.

WALTER-M.  
WEINBERGER,  
Chairman,

BRITISH STORES  
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Hong Kong.

## THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

### NOTICE THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong on Saturday, the 31st May 1947, at Noon for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet, and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect Directors & Auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend and bonus, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Accounts as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also given that the Share Register of the Company will be closed from the 16th May 1947 to the 24th May 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
LAU TAK PO,  
Managing Director.

HONGKONG, 10th May, 1947.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company, will be held at the Offices of Messrs Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor, Hongkong Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 21st May 1947, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st December 1945 to 31st December 1946.

NOTICE is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th May 1947 to the 21st May 1947, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

### PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of Shareholders of the Company having been lost during the Japanese occupation and new forms of certificates having now been received from England all shareholders are required as soon as possible to send to the Company for cancellation the certificates for shares now in their possession in exchange for which the Company will issue new certificates with new distinguishing numbers of the shares.

As from the 1st day of June 1947 the Company's Register of Shareholders will be opened for transfer and transfers accompanied by the requisite certificates together with the approval in writing of the Registrar of Companies will only be registered.

Shareholders whose Certificates have been lost or destroyed, and who have not already done so, are requested to notify the Company forthwith giving full particulars.

DATED the 15th day of May One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON  
General Managers.

## HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at 18 Pedder Street (1st floor) Hong Kong on MONDAY the NINTH day of JUNE, 1947, at NOON, for the purpose of proposing and if thought fit, passing the submitted resolutions as a special resolution, viz.—

(a) Connaught Road Central from Thomas Cook's Building to the junction of Jackson Road (North corner of Hong Kong Club).

(b) Wardley Street from Queen Victoria Statue to Connaught Road Central.

2. Cars of persons attending Queen's Pier will be parked East of the junction of Connaught Road Central and Jackson Road after the passengers have disembarked.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
Hong Kong, 14th May, 1947.

## HONGKONG BANKERS' CLEARING HOUSE

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Will clients please note that as from 10th May 1947 the Offices of the Society and its Affiliated Companies will be situated on the second floor of Union Building, Telephone number remain unchanged.

J. D. ALEXANDER  
Chairman  
R. G. CRAIG  
Chief Manager  
Hong Kong,  
Dated this, Ninth day of May, 1947.

## NO SEPARATE TREATIES

Washington, May 14. The U.S. State Department knows of no plan for the United States to conclude separate peace treaties with Germany and Austria, a Department spokesman said today.

He made this statement when questioned on the "Chicago Tribune" report from Washington that the "United States is ready to proceed unilaterally unless Russia backs down from her position during the recent Moscow peace conference."—Reuters.

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### FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE

### FAR EAST/GULF OF ADEN AND RED SEA PORTS CONFERENCE

It is hereby notified that revised Freight Tariffs are being introduced by the above-mentioned Conferences.

These Tariffs will come into force as from June 1st 1947 and all rates of freight covered by the existing Tariffs will be withdrawn from that date.

Quotations of the revised freight rates may be obtained upon application.

J. D. ALEXANDER  
Chairman

Solicitors for the Executor of the Will of the abovenamed deceased.

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

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## "INDEPENDENT PALESTINE," SUGGESTS RUSSIA

Flushing Meadows, N.Y. May 14. The Soviet Union today urged the United Nations to end the "bankrupt" British mandate in Palestine and clear the way for an independent Holy Land with equal rights for Arabs and Jews.

The Soviet delegate, M. Gromyko, joining the Arab states in the last-hour fight to force the General Assembly to study the independence issue, delivered a scathing attack on British rule in Palestine.

Gromyko said:—"Palestine is completely transformed into a police state. Britain does not have the confidence of the people of Palestine. Both Jews and Arabs demand liquidation of the mandate. It is one thing on which they do not differ."

He said he would favour the partition of the Holy Land into separate Arab and Jewish states only if the United Nations investigation proved that the two peoples could not live together in peace.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said they considered this statement as a "major switch in Russian policy."

Iraq's Feedhill Jamali, leading the attack, shouted "Stop the invasion of Palestine!" He said the Arab states would revere the right not to be bound by any decision the United Nations may take regarding Palestine.

**Not Consistent**

As soon as the Assembly met to consider the Political Committee report establishing a 11-man investigating committee, Jamali said:—"Our thesis is nothing but one independent state of Palestine which can guarantee democracy and peace."

He objected that the terms of reference for the Palestine Inquiry Commission omitted such words as peace, justice, independence, political rights, harmony and the like. He said that to include religious interests in the terms and exclude

There is no fear of infection during the incubation period," he said. "But the danger is that doctors in our skin hospitals have so little experience of the disease that they may not recognise it as leprosy until it is well advanced."—Reuters.

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## DEATH

ROZA—On Thursday, May 8, 1937, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Amanda Maria Noronha da Rosa (Dandy) aged 83 years, the dearly beloved mother of Oscar, Delphina and Amelia.

## CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

One might almost imagine judging by the length of time occupied by the Colonial Office in examination of the plan for a Municipal Council and other constitutional reforms in Hong Kong, that the issues involved were as momentous as the transfer of power in India. In point of fact, it is very much a preliminary phase of public management that is being conferred, and over meticulous attention to the minutiae of draftsmanship—for that is apparently what is happening—might in these troublous times be energy devoted to matters of greater moment. No-one will regret the delay in presentation of the final scheme more than His Excellency Sir Mark Young, who must have entertained a keen desire to announce the satisfactory completion of the most important task of his last year as Governor, prior to his departure. In this, it seems, His Excellency is to be disappointed. There is, indeed, no real indication as to when the detailed scheme will be returned from London carrying the approval and endorsement of the Colonial Office, and the expectation that it would be possible to hold the first elections in the early autumn may not now be realised. Much preparatory work in Hong Kong will be required, principal among it being the completion of the registers of voters in the different wards or districts. Some indication that the Colonial Office may, soon, make up its mind is perhaps to be found in the statement in Parliament yesterday announcing the broad outline of the constitution for the Legislative Council of Singapore. Such a body is, of course, new to Singapore, and is required by the creation of the Malayan Union which sets up Singapore as an entity separated from Kuala Lumpur, except insofar as the Governor-General exercises prerogatives over the heads of the Governor of Singapore and the Governor of Malaya. The points of key interest in the Singapore plan are (a) that the communal basis of elections has been rejected and (b) that of nine elected Unofficials, six are to be chosen by popular ballot, and three by the Chambers of Commerce. Over and above these, the Governor has the power to nominate four additional Unofficial members, the object being to secure adequate representation of all interests, a result which obviously would not necessarily be achieved by popular ballot. It will not fail to be noted in Hong Kong that Singapore, starting with an entirely clean slate, is conceded a substantial Unofficial majority in conjunction with the former Governor-General, therefore some time ago especially instituted permits in order to cut off smuggling and facilitate examinations.

From that time forward the officer, Chen-wei-chuen, understood the business, good effects showed themselves in a slight degree.

"Could it then have been supposed that the merchants would present rumours accusations against him, alleging that he made clandestine exactions, opposed obstruction of the trade, &c., &c., &c.?"

From the Pekin Gazette—Ting-tsun, Kang-tshu and Hwuy-tsun, members of the General Council were invited to an audience. The prefect of Shantung (Pekin), memorialized stating that know had fallen to the depth of more than two inches.

"Tomorrow on transacting business after breakfast, the Emperor will walk upon the Empress Dowager."

To let at a moderate rent a furnished house at Spring Garden with Out-houses and compound; the whole surrounded by a garden. It is healthily situated and has a beautiful view of the Harbour.

It is now possible to trace something of the how and why of the sudden decision to reduce the period of compulsory service from eighteen months to twelve months and to anticipate some of the coming moves.

First of all, the lobby verdict on National Service Bill administered a reverse jolt to Government because they felt conscription interfered too much with the industrial and food production power problems.

On this point it would appear that even before the Bill was introduced the Cabinet had not been completely unanimous for both George Isaacs (Minister of Labour) and Mr. Tom Williams (Minister of Agriculture) had not been happy over losing so many young men to the Forces when industry and the land both needed them so much.

True such a trimming of the conscription policy would not placate the Pacific group of MPs but their numbers would not prove too worry-

ing in the division lobbies if they could be separated from the other sections.

## Service Decision

Parliamentary tacticians therefore urged further exploration of the question whether the suggested reduction in the length of compulsory service was practical. So the Chiefs of the three Services were instructed to weigh it all up. They worked solidly through that night and next day told the Defence Committee that a reduction to twelve months would be accepted if certain conditions could be assumed to operate.

The first consideration was whether the immediate danger had passed there were ample opportunities for further crisis situations when the National Service Bill was passing through its Committee Stages. So they searched for a door of escape and decided they had found it in the suggestion thrown out during the Com-

## Heaven-Sent

Mr. Crossman is the leader of the section of the Labour Party which is mostly keep critical of the Bevin foreign policy. He has an influential group behind him and though he voted in the Government lobby on the National Service Bill, he made it clear he would not support it in Committee if there was any tendency to use the armed forces to bolster up foreign adventuring.

To reinforce this idea, he suggested cutting the length of conscript service down to twelve months.

The Defence Committee insisted on this as a heaven-sent way out of the predicament. If this sop could be thrown up the Crossmanites

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nationalised. However, they say they have no intention of restoring the Bank of England or the central industry to private enterprise and add this provocative forecast:

"We wish to substitute for the present paralysis... a system of free enterprise, which is in terms of authority, and which reconciles the need for central direction with the encouragement of individual effort."

Whatever else one may think of this declaration it is of course a bid for a return to power in the next general election which normally will be three years hence.

The idea of the "need for central direction" naturally catches the eye and the Conservative London "Daily Express" says the Conservatives are making an eleventh-hour blunder in trying to fight under socialist banner. The "Daily Telegraph" also says the Conservatives are doing what the Socialists are trying to do, only doing it better than the latter.

While this move is surprising it is not at all illogical.

The Conservatives are trimming their sails to a wind whose direction was clearly evident in the last general election when many of their party voted for the Socialist ticket.

England has been moving cautiously but steadily toward moderate socialism for many years. She had striking evidence of this as far back as 1924 when the late Ramsay MacDonald headed the first Labour Government which employed the term "labour" and "socialist" as synonymous. Just as is done today.

That the socialist victory which overwhelmed the great Churchill two years ago was no flash in the pan has been demonstrated in all by-elections since then to replace individual members of Parliament.

The Socialists have not lost a single seat—a circumstance which is taken by political experts in Britain as indicating that the general public still is determined to give the new government a chance to show what it can do.

All this being so, it is clear that whatever party wins in the next general election it will do so on a broad progressive platform.

The race as things now stand again will be between two minor parties—the Socialists and the Conservatives.

There is no great strength on the extreme left or on the extreme right. Hence the Conservative Party's move is closer to the middle of the road.

prepared to take a gamble of the possibility of sufficient easement of international relations to justify abolishing several of our existing foreign garrisons by 1950.

A favourable recommendation was therefore sent to the Cabinet which met the next day and Mr. Isaacs was authorised to release the news immediately.

## Shrill Clamour

Parliament had, by this time, closed for Easter so nothing could be said in the Commons about this unexpected bombshell but the newspapers set up a shrill clamour at once and Mr. Churchill issued a terrible broadside in the form of the written statement from his Westerham home. He described the decision to reduce the period of service as "another example of the policy of scuttle before anything that looks difficult or fierce" and he hinted that although the Conservative Party had voted in support of the Government on the second-reading division, it would now have to consider withdrawing that support from the remaining stages of the Bill.

It could really implement that threat, the Government's position might easily become perilous. Again the difficult Committee Stage of Bill was being negotiated but already there are signs that the healing of the Labour Party split may be followed by the opening of a Conservative Party split.

A number of members of the Opposition have already made it reasonably clear they do not approve of the new line. Mr. Churchill is taking and Mr. A. V. Alexander (Minister of Defence) has already stepped in with a useful speech at the annual meeting of the Cooperative Party at Llandudno when he drove home the following series of denials and statements. He said that there was no official tie-up between Britain and America likely to operate against Russia; that the Government is not contemplating war against any particular country; that the Government is not contemplating an indefinite reduction in our Armed Force; that the National Services Bill is not the inevitable forerunner of industrial conscription; and that the Government is still busing its policy in supporting the United Nations Organisation.

So at the moment, honours are even with the Government holding a slight advantage because everybody now knows its pledged policy and the interim period before the Commons can get down to tackling the subject in earnest, will probably bring additional support from those who have all along been anxiously worried about the effects of the military service period in disturbing the career preparation of the nation's young men.

## Tories Swing To The Left

New York, May 15. Britain's Conservative Party under the leadership of former premier Winston Churchill has made a surprising move which looks very much like a swing to the left—a small swing to be sure but still a swing—in competition with the Socialist government's programme.

The Conservatives have issued a booklet pledging themselves to work for the restoration of a "wide measure of freedom" to some industries which have been

nationalised. However, they say they have no intention of restoring the Bank of England or the central industry to private enterprise and add this provocative forecast:

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The court which yesterday rejected a confession of murder made from the stand by a defence witness, Denis Wood, 19-year-old soldier, today declared Wood insane.

Wood started the court on Monday by announcing from the witness stand that he, and not defendant Eric Briggs, committed the murder for which Briggs was on trial.

The court threw out Wood's

confession and found Briggs guilty of murdering his wife. Briggs was sentenced to be hanged.

Wood was ordered to be detained during His Majesty's pleasure.—United Press.

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West, of course, might have

saved most of that by shifting

to 4-Hearts.

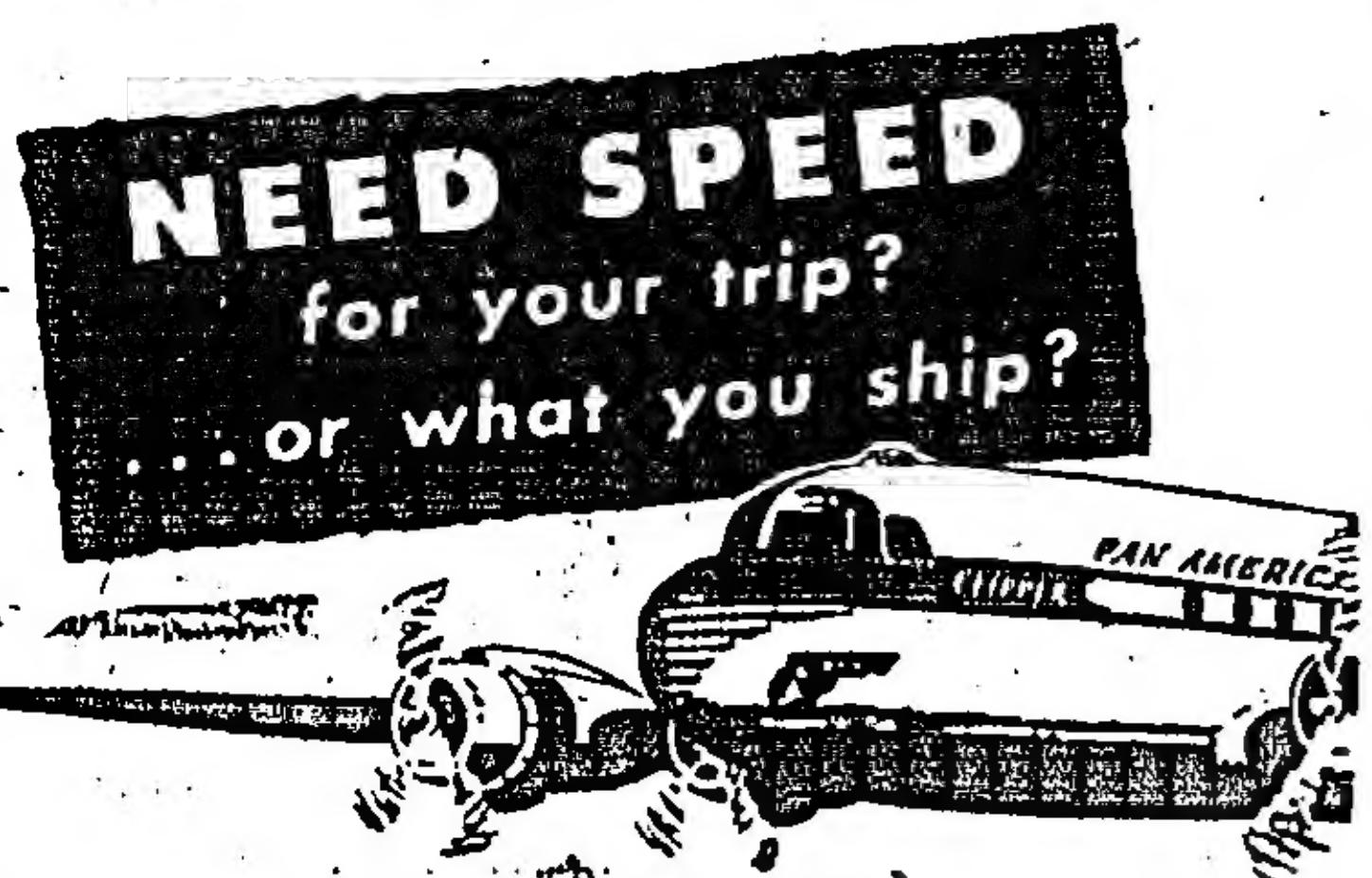
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### Rocket Test Range Opposition

Canberra, May 14. Dr. Herbert Evatt, Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs, when he addressed delegates of the Australian Labour Party Executive last night, left them in no doubt that Soviet inspiration is behind the threatened "black ban" by building unions on the project for a rocket test range in Australia.

Dr. Evatt told the conference: "The Communists have developed the technique of using unions to declare war on the Government's constituted authority. This cannot be tolerated."

Dr. Evatt added that the fact that Australia's defence as well as the British Empire defence was involved made it a matter of the highest possible concern.

The Executive President, who is an Englishman, Mr. McAlpine, said: "The Executive is completely at one with the Government in this matter."

As a result of Dr. Evatt's revelation of Soviet inspiration behind the proposed ban on work on the rocket range, the Labour Party Federal Executive decided to declare war on the Communist Party's influence in the Trade Union movement.

The result of the dropping of these bombs on Japan, he said, "has been that the incalculable benefit which atomic energy may confer upon mankind for the ordinary man has been obscured by the possibility of its use as a weapon."

Admiral Cunningham conceded that the bombs perhaps shortened the war by "two or three months," but said he was convinced that Japan would have surrendered unconditionally anyway within a very short time.

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Admiral Cunningham, who stepped down as First Sea Lord in June, 1946, spoke on the occasion of his being awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Leeds University. He acknowledged the bomb as the greatest achievement of science during the war, but said military people "had not much cause for satisfaction that atomic energy was produced as a weapon."

The Communists officially disavow responsibility for the ban but labour delegates are not impressed. The war is to be carried by the Labour Government right into the Communist camp, in its desire to root out Communist influence.

Later, Dr. Evatt informed the House of Representatives:

"I have told the Australian Labour Party Executive that my opinion is that the objection to building a rocket range is not the concern for abortions; it is part of a plan to prevent the project being operated at all."

He said that although he had hoped the bomb would be outlawed, "the outlook at the moment is distinctly unpromising."—United Press.

#### "Appalling"

He said he did not "entirely hold the view that war under atomic conditions would necessarily mean the end of civilization, but under continual threat of a sudden atomic attack, even if there is no war, the possibility of atomic attack is perfectly appalling."

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### War Brides Facing Deportation

Honolulu, May 14. War brides of two Honolulu veterans faced deportation today because they lacked the required racial mixture of 50 per cent from "eligible" races.

Robert Hogan, deputy territorial attorney-general for Veterans Affairs, said both cases have been referred to the attorney of the Territorial Government, and of delegate Joseph Fanning, who is pushing legislation to liberalize the immigration laws which ban most Asiatic and Pacific island races from United States citizenship.

Hogan said Immigration officials ruled Mrs. Gilbert Dina, 18, mother of a two-weeks old son, and Mrs. William White, 24, both must leave.

Mrs. Dina, a native of the Fiji Islands, is one-quarter British and the remainder Polynesian. She was a Government typist in Fiji during the war.

Mrs. White, a native of Samoa and half British and half Samoan, has been a resident of Auckland, New Zealand, since she was 12 years old. Both met their husbands while the latter served overseas as Army other ranks.—United Press.

London, May 14. Exchange Telegraph reports from Lisbon that Arthur Nerve, chief of the Brazilian immigration delegation, left for Rio de Janeiro today after selecting 6,000 displaced Europeans for admission to Brazil.—United Press.

London, May 14. He described the German food crisis as "very gloomy" and a "difficult situation."

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### German Air Losses Over Britain, 1940

London, May 15. The Government scaled down on Wednesday the estimates of German air losses in the battle of Britain but declared that the revised figures did not detract from the glory of the Royal Air Force victory.

Between July 10, 1940, when the action began, and October 31, 1940, when the Germans broke it off, the R.A.F. had estimated that 2,602 enemy aircraft were destroyed.

German records, the Secretary of State for Air, Philip Noel Baker, told the House of Commons showed in fact that 2,376 enemy aircraft had been put out of action. Of that number, 1,733 were destroyed and 643 damaged.

"This retrospective correction of claims which were honestly put forward," Noel Baker declared, "does nothing to diminish the achievements or to dim the glory of the men who fought so bravely against great odds."

Noel Baker quoted a confidential letter by the Chief of the German General Staff in November:

"The Party must declare its uncompromising hostility to groups which have been sabotaging Australian economy and are now seeking to attack in the interests of a foreign power, the British Australian experiments for the defensive use of rocket projectiles," he concluded.—Reuter.

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—Associated Press.

### Food To Be Rushed To Germany

Washington, May 14.

Alarmed by spreading unrest and food strikes in Western Germany, the War Department announces emergency measures to rush more than 1,200,000 tons of food into the American and British occupation zones by July 31 to meet the crisis.

The Army Chief of Staff told a press conference that he had picked three officers from the Army ground and Air Forces to explore new military ways opened up by the development of atomic energy and to give him "educated" guidance on what war will be like 25 years from now.—United Press.

Cause

The Secretary said that the present shortage was caused primarily by the continent's worst winter in almost 50 years with the resultant natural loss of almost 200,000 tons of food crops.

"This is the first time I know of in history in which the conquerors made an effort, on any such scale, to feed the defeated enemy," Mr. Patterson said, "and the fact that there is not actual starvation in Germany is due only to the tremendous productivity of the United States and the willingness and efforts of our Government and the British to help."—United Press.

### ITALIAN MISSION IN U.S.

New York, May 13.

An Italian Mission, headed by Signor Lombardo, arrived in Washington today for a series of important conferences with United States economists on financial matters. The Mission, which has come primarily to negotiate a trade agreement aimed at bettering imports and exports between Italy and the United States, will also attempt to iron out financial questions left unsolved by the Italian peace treaty.—Reuter.

London, May 14.

Britain's five top administrators in Germany, at a two-hour conference today gave the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, an up-to-date report on the food crisis in Western Germany and their recommendations for overcoming it.

London newspapers speculated that the conference might lead Britain to send an appeal to the United States to push emergency grain shipments to Western Germany.

The Foreign Office spokesman, who attended the conference, and Mr. Bevin probably would review results in broad outline in his speech in the House of Commons on Germany and the Moscow conference. Until then, the spokesman said, nothing would be disclosed regarding the results of the meeting.

He described the German food crisis as "very gloomy" and a "difficult situation."

Most British morning newspapers briefly quoted officials in Anglo-American food head-

quarters in Stuttgart as attributing the crisis in part to the failure of United States food shipments to come up to Washington's promises.

One official was quoted as saying that 70 per cent of the blame could be attached to this failure and 30 per cent to the failure of German farmers to deliver up their quota of crops.

All newspapers subordinated the Stuttgart quotations to the London conference on the food problem. Only one newspaper—the "News Chronicle"—put even a sub-headline on the dispatch and that paper ran beside it another dispatch from New York headlined: "In America: 'We were misled.' None commented editorially."

The "Daily Worker" (Communist) said rich Bavarian farmers in the American zone were feeding supplies to pigs, cattle and farm dogs, while the British zone was starving.

"And the Bavarian Government—secure in the patronage of the State Department and the Catholic Church—goes on solemnly declaring, 'It cannot fulfil its butter and other quotas for delivery to other districts of the West,'" the "Daily Worker" of Berlin correspondents wrote.

"Bavaria is only a particularly glaring example of what is happening everywhere in the rich rural districts. That is the picture after months of Anglo-American 'bi-zonal' activity."

United Press.

There was abundant confirmation of this spontaneous statement in the German records, he added, "to show that Hitler's high command recognized that the R.A.F. had inflicted a decisive defeat upon their forces."

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**Singapore's New Body**

London, May 14. The British Government have given careful consideration" to the report of the Committee appointed by the Governor of Singapore in April 1946 to consider the question of a Legislative Council for the Colony of Singapore, also to the Governor's own recommendations, it was announced in the House of Commons today.

The statement was in the form of a written reply to a question by Mr. David Rees Williams, Labour Member.

In his reply, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, said that the following principal decisions have now been reached:

1. The Council will have an unofficial majority. There will be four ex-officio members and five nominated official members.

2. On the official side there will be nine elected members; six of these will be elected by a popular ballot of registered voters (British subjects over the age of 21), without property or literacy stipulations.

3. For this purpose the Island of Singapore will be divided into four electoral districts, two urban districts each returning two members and two rural districts each returning one member.

Marshall accepted Molotov's assurances on the Korean situation, and agreed to resume Soviet-American negotiations on May 20 aimed at the establishment of a unified provisional government for all Korea.

Molotov acknowledged Molotov's letter of May 7, in which it was confirmed that the United States and Russia had agreed on the basis on which the Commission should resume its work.

Marshall expresses pleasure that the Soviet Government had agreed to reconvening the Commission on the United States proposals, the most important of which was that the Commission should consult with all the democratic parties and organisations in Korea on the formation of a provisional Korean Government.

**Unofficials**

4. In addition the Governor will have discretion to select not more than four nominated unofficial members.

The Singapore Order-in-Council of 1946 provides for a maximum of two such members, but since the communal basis for elections to the council has been rejected, it is necessary to increase this maximum in the interests of any section of the community who might otherwise have been represented inadequately or not at all.

These decisions have been published locally and the Council will have to be set up as soon as possible.—Reuter.

The story was printed only in the first edition and withdrawn without explanation. At the same time the British Press Association's court correspondent reported that the princess had no intention of setting up an independent household—Elizabeth's coming of age doubtless will mean an enlargement of her personal freedom generally and it was stated authoritatively weeks ago that her apartments in Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle would be enlarged in keeping with her new responsibilities.

All else, in the official view, is set down to what is described as an inevitable flood of rumours following the celebration of her 21st birthday.—Associated Press.

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He married in 1896, had two sons and two daughters. The younger son, Dr. C. M. Bowra, in war with Wadham College, Oxford.—L.P.S.

**TAIYUAN'S DEFENCE**

Shanghai, May 14. The security of Taiyuan is of national importance and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek will surely take steps to meet the situation. General Fu Tsao-ji, regarded as one of the Government's most able field commanders, told reporters on arrival in Taiyuan to aid in the defence of the threatened Shanxi provincial capital.

He expressed confidence that the Communist attempt to capture the city would be frustrated.—Reuter.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES**

Peninsular Hotel arrivals (Wednesday): J. Ward, G. A. Munster, W. W. Zarnow, Frank J. Moore, Miss Sara E. O'Connell, T. Mallon, K. W. Yu, and E. M. Allison.

Peninsular Hotel departures (Wednesday): J. G. Gale, A. S. Wood, E. V. Jenkins, G. W. Akington, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Mason.

**C.M.C. Veteran Dead**

London, May 15. The "Times" last week published the obituary of Cecil Arthur Verner Bowra, formerly London secretary of the Inspectorate-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, who died at his home at Ightham, Kent, at the age of 77.

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## War Memorial Fund Appeal To Be Made For Subscriptions

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Two years ago, when the darkest days of the war were giving way to visions of dawn, our hearts were overwhelmed with the irrespressible urge to pour out thanks for our deliverance.

Today, when the perils that engulfed us are past, our gratitude should be no less; the rising wave of prosperity that has blessed the Colony should give us a greater capacity to convey the full measure of our feelings; the passage of time has allowed of a greater maturity of judgment as to the most worthy and noble form in which our gratitude should be manifested to those who suffered and died that we might survive and triumph.

In looking round the contemporary scene in our thriving local life it seems profane merely to pay lip service without each one of us making the utmost sacrifice which his manhood and conscience dictate is memory of our glorious dead, who dying...

...made us rarer gifts than gold.

These laid the world away; paid out the red Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be Of work and joy, and that un-hoped seren...

That men call age; and those who would have been, Their sons, they gave, their immortality."

Must their deeds die? Our pride in them cannot be expressed in rhetoric nor can our debt to them be paid by crystallising their memory in a moment of stone or of brass. Their deeds will only die if we forget the dream, the cause for which these our champions fought, suffered and died, if we the living, fail to continue in their influence and tradition the fight for the realisation of a better world.

### The Objects

It is in this spirit that the Colony has decided not to erect a Cenotaph or other material monument in memory of those who died in the Second World War but to perpetuate their memory by the creation of a Fund to be maintained in perpetuity for the amelioration amongst the living, and the avoidance for posterity of the horrors and sufferings of war.

An Ordinance has recently been passed for the establishment and administration of a Hong Kong War Memorial Fund. It is intended that the Fund be maintained by voluntary contributions from the public to which the Legislative Council will be asked to contribute from the public revenue a sum proportionate to the public contributions of each preceding year.

The primary purpose is to establish in the Colony a Fund to assist, without distinction of class or nationality, the dependants of members of certain services which participated in the defence of the Colony where such members are the result of their service lost their lives or wholly incapacitated from earning their living, and to aid members of such services who survived and have been wholly or partially incapacitated from earning a living.

### Wider Benefits

The benefit of the Fund is to be applied also to those who were subjected to torture during the enemy occupation and were incapacitated and for the benefit of dependants of such as well as of those who died or were executed by the enemy.

However, they were halted at Chengju station, about 13 miles west of Shanghai, by torn up rails and they eventually returned to their school after the acceptance of all their demands by the authorities.—Reuter.

The strike started over the weekend when 600 roundsmen refused to accept an arbitration award which they claimed would mean, by commission adjustments, a weekly loss in some cases of 30 shillings.—Reuter.

## COMPENSATION FOR SEAMEN

The Master and Master announced that applications for compensation in respect of seamen who lost their lives by enemy action whilst serving on British or Netherlands steamers should be made at the Seamen's Compensation Department, Harbour Office, Compton Road Central, Hong Kong, as soon as possible.

Applications are received between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon every day except Saturday, Sundays, and public holidays. Applicants should bring with them sufficient documentary evidence of identity. Applicants in India and Ceylon and Kowloon should bring certificates of identity from local authority.

## 'Hawkins' As Target Ship

London, May 15. Intimation just made by the Admiralty is certain to conjure up many memories with old China hands. It is that H.M.S. "Hawkins" is to be used as a target ship.

This veteran cruiser, after 1917, became the flagship of the China Squadron, and to this honourable record in the Far East she has added good service in the Second World War.

In her old age, she is not simply passing ignominiously to the breaker's yard. Instead, she will do still another bit towards the defence of the "old country," for she is to be subjected to bombing experiments by naval airmen. These are to take place this month.—L.P.S.

## London Milk Strike

London, May 13. Milk roundsmen of the London Co-operative Society's eastern section today continued their unofficial strike, but union leaders were considering reports from other areas that "a small truce back" was starting.

The main body on strike, numbering about 900, however, were still out, and the stoppage now affected some 600,000 customers.

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## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30, to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.32 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

12.47 p.m.—The Ink Spots.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Held de Costa Memories.

1.30 p.m.—"China Town" (Bartons), Philo Huddles (Savoy) and the Albert Spielder Trio.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.20 p.m.—Victor Blissetter's Ballroom Orchestra and Hildegarde (Vocal).

4.45 p.m.—March Palotti at the Organ.

7.09 p.m.—Blitz: "You Asked For It"—Variety Required Programme, arranged by Lynn Johnson.

8.00 p.m.—London Update Home News.

8.10 p.m.—London Update Home News from Britain.

8.15 p.m.—Stalwart Farewell Special by I.L.E. The Governor, Sir May Young, C.M.G.

8.25 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Serenade to the Stars."

8.40 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Dances made the Grade."

9.20 p.m.—Stalwart Two Piano Recital by Caroline Dragg and Betty Brown.

10.00 p.m.—London Radio News.

10.10 p.m.—"Tribekwashi," Rose and Juliet—Overture: Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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